

MRS. GRAYSON FLASHER WORD OF MISHAP

HICKMAN'S SUICIDE
TWICE PREVENTED;
ON HIS WAY SOUTH

Kidnaper Tries to Choke
Self and Dash Head
Against Floor.

PICTURE OF MISERY
EN ROUTE TO TRAIN

Large, Good-Natured Crowd
at Pendleton on Hand to
See Departure.

Portland, Oreg., Dec. 25 (A.P.)—William Edward Hickman, in custody of Los Angeles officials, arrived at the Portland police station at 6:10 p.m. He was taken from the train a few miles east of Portland and was rushed to the police station by automobile.

Aboard Union Pacific Train, the Dales, Oreg., Dec. 25 (A.P.)—Something like wartime mystery, reminiscent of historic "Somewhere in France," today characterized the movements of the train bearing William Edward Hickman to his destination in Los Angeles, where he will answer for the kidnapping and killing of 12-year-old Marian Parker.

This was indicated by precautions to keep secret the movements of the Southern Pacific train to which the special car carrying Hickman is to be transferred, Los Angeles bound.

Plans for handling Hickman when the train approaches Los Angeles have not been announced. It was intimated that that procedure might not be decided upon until a few minutes before actual arrival there. Arrangements were made to spirit Hickman into Portland in order to avoid crowds at the Union Depot.

Back-Tracking Own Trail.

Back-tracking the trail he followed in his flight across the wide open spaces of Oregon, Hickman was speeding today, in custody of Los Angeles officers to face charges of kidnapping and murder. Broken in spirit, his self-assurance gone, Hickman cowered in a compartment of a special car, crowded with officials, detectives and newspaper correspondents.

Leaning heavily on the manacles by which he was attached to the wrists of two stalwart detectives, the stooped figure of the youth, his face pallid and his long hair away, made a picture of abject misery as he was led from the jail to a bus and from the bus to the train.

A big crowd gathered at the station at Pendleton to witness the departure. It was a good-natured, curious crowd filled with the genial spirit of Christmas, and it expressed its feeling in congratulating the two Pendleton officers who captured Hickman last Thursday. The officers, Chief of Police Tom Gurdane, of Pendleton, and Clyde "Buck" Lieuallen, State traffic officer were on the train en route to Los Angeles, and were given a rousing send-off. Hickman, and the kidnapping of little Marian Parker and the fateful dismemberment of her body, were secondary considerations with the crowd.

Chief of Detectives Herman Cline and Inspectors Raymond and Lucas, of the Los Angeles police department, were closeted with Hickman during the first part of the journey.

Twice Tries to End Life.

Pendleton, Oreg., Dec. 25 (A.P.)—William Edward Hickman, charged with kidnapping and killing Marian Parker in Los Angeles, made two attempts to end his life just before being taken from the jail here today.

First he attempted to strangle himself with a handkerchief, then he tried to dive head first from his bunk to dash his head against the concrete floor.

Arousing from the lethargy that had gripped him for hours, Hickman threw an orange to the top of his cell, then took his Bible, tore the leaves from it and scattered them on the floor. He asked for a handkerchief which was handed to him by a guard. Hickman quickly knotted it about his throat, pulling the ends tightly. The guard, Doug Gurdane, rushed to the cell door and before he could unlock it, Hickman was strangling.

No sooner had he composed himself than he climbed to an upper bunk and tried to dive on his head. He was caught around the waist by Gurdane.

Crowd Sees Departure.

When Hickman was placed on a special coach for his trip back to Los Angeles a crowd of 1,500 persons had gathered to see him. His long hair streamed about his forehead, his eyes were heavy and a deadly pallor was on his face.

As he walked from the bus to the coach he was supported by two officers, Dick Lucas and Harry Raymond, detective lieutenants of Los Angeles, to whom he was handcuffed.

It was a bedraggled and tearful Hickman who was taken from his cell at 10:35 o'clock this morning and loaded onto a bus for the trip to the depot. Tears ran down the cheeks of the 18-year-old youth and an expression of pain was on his face as cameramen with drunken Indians fighting in his cell throughout the night. Hickman was released under \$25,000 bonds supplied by his father.

Historic Greer Mansion In Ruins From Blaze

Spark Ignites Moss Covered Roof; Firemen's Two-Mile Line of Hose Futile; Most of Contents Lost, But Flames Cook Chickens.

Two tottering brick chimneys are all that remain today of the historic 150-year-old Greer colonial homestead, situated on the Wilson boulevard, near Falls Church, Va., following a fire discovered shortly after noon yesterday.

The structure was occupied by the family of Mr. and Mrs. William Leake, who operate the Upton Hill Dairy Farm on the spacious acres. The flames seriously threatened other buildings before burning themselves out.

When the fire, apparently from a spark, broke out on the roof of the frame structure, once the home of Col. John S. Mosby, famous Confederate cavalry leader, Mrs. Leake was in the kitchen, placing two large chickens on the stove in preparation for the Christmas dinner.

Mr. Leake was in the rear yard, feeding the hogs. Four children, Inez, 20; Lucille, 18; Clifford, 16; Jessie, 14, and two grandchildren, Edward Back, 8, and his sister, Mildred, 5 years old, were in the parlor of the home, playing with the toys Santa Claus just a few hours before had brought them.

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Leake, huddled closely

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12 INJURED WHEN AUTOS CRASH IN AND NEAR CITY

Automobile Is Sideswiped on
Highway Bridge by Car;
Driver Flees.

FIRE SQUAD CALLED OUT

Christmas traffic mishaps yesterday injured twelve persons.

James R. Garner, 23 years old, 829 Seventh street southwest, suffered a grave spine injury, and Mrs. E. H. Evans, 40 years old, 1615 Kenyon street northwest, suffered a broken rib when the automobile in which they were riding was in collision with another car, driven by George A. Norris, 29 years old, of Glen Carlyon, Va., at Fifteenth and K streets northwest.

Both were treated at Emergency Hospital. Norris was taken into custody by Third Precinct police to await the outcome of the injuries, and was later released in custody of an attorney.

Three persons were injured in a crash between two automobiles on the Virginia side of the Highway Bridge. The injured were Mrs. Virginia Garver, 21 years old, lacerations on the head; John Garver, 29 years old, of 621 Third street northwest, scalp and face lacerations, and Thomas Collins, 28 years old, 324 H street Northwest, cut on the head.

They were riding in a car driven by Garver, according to police, and the vehicle was sideswiped by a car, the driver of which fled. The fire department rescue squad was called to aid the injured, who were taken to Emergency Hospital.

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GERMAN SHIPS TO USE PLANES FOR LANDING

North German Lloyd Service
May Be Extended to Wash-
ington and Chicago.

Special to The Washington Post.

New York, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—The first step in the linking of airplanes to ocean liners, which was taken when the American Line experimented with the idea of taking the mail to and from liners with Clarence Chamberlain's little plane, is now to be extended to transporting passengers from ports of arrival to interior destinations. The North German Lloyd Line announced today that it would connect at Bremerhaven with the Lufthansa airplane company's planes so that passengers from New York could go direct to Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich, Leipzig or Dresden.

It is the intention of the line to continue the experiment to the Columbus, the flagship of the North German Lloyd, until its utility is fully developed. Three-motored Junker planes will be used. The initiative taken by the German company is expected to be followed on this side until passengers from incoming ships can be landed at Boston, Philadelphia or Washington in almost continuous passage. With the service once established to the eastern cities from New York, the steamship officials will next take on the idea of extending the service to Chicago.

Banker's Son Called
Hit-and-Run Killer

Chicago, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—Norman W. Harris, 32, a son of Albert W. Harris, Chicago banker, was arrested on a charge of manslaughter last night after his automobile struck and killed Mrs. Elizabeth Donner, 50. Witnesses told the police that Harris attempted to escape after the accident.

He was released under \$25,000 bonds supplied by his father.

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6 BURNED TO DEATH IN HOPEWELL HOTEL FIRE, POLICE BELIEVE

Midnight Blaze Razes
Grand Central, Where
50 Guests Lodged.

RUINS ARE SEARCHED FOR MISSING PERSONS

Register and Records Lost in
Flames; St. Elmo and
Theater Catch Fire.

Special to The Washington Post.

Hopewell, Va., Dec. 25.—Six persons are believed to have lost their lives early this morning when fire destroyed the Grand Central Hotel, principal hotel of the town. Several persons were injured and the police and fire departments late today searched the ruins for the bodies of the six who are reported missing.

The hotel register and records were lost in the fire, and this made it impossible tonight to throw light as to who might have lost their lives.

A tentative list of those unaccounted for included Charles Cocke and Luther Hammond, of Hopewell; Mr. and Mrs. Maude, of South Carolina; a Virginian named Ridenbush, and a man named Sanborn from Massachusetts. Hotel officials said they believed there had been about 50 guests in the hotel when the fire started shortly after midnight.

Other Buildings Damaged.

The flames spread from the Grand Central to the St. Elmo Hotel and the Strand Theater adjoining, but damage to both structures was slight.

Of undetermined origin, the flames quickly gained headway through the three stories of the Grand Central. Guests on the second floor were able to make their way down the stairways, but firemen were called on to rescue virtually all of the guests housed on the third floor.

Fire Chief Cuddihy, of Hopewell, called on apparatus from Petersburg, which was rushed here. With the combined efforts of this apparatus and Hopewell equipment the flames were prevented from gaining headway out of the hotel.

Walls Fall to Ground.

The front and a side wall of the structure tumbled to the ground while firemen were fighting the flames, but all firemen had withdrawn from the danger zone before the walls toppled.

Immediately after the flames died down, Chief Cuddihy led a squad of his men into the wreckage in an effort to find the bodies of those reported missing. Up to a late hour tonight none had been found.

The hotel was valued at \$20,000.

Soldier, Never Absent In 30 Years, Retires

Special to The Washington Post.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 25.—At the end of 30 years of continuous service in the Army, during which he had never been absent from duty, Sergt. Albert Blechner was retired today on a pension at the United States Military Academy here.

He enlisted October 21, 1897, and has been with the school ever since.

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Russell T. Scott's Widow Is Remarried

Chicago, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—Mrs. Florence Scott, widow of Russell T. Scott, who escaped the gallows five times in three years of court battles on a charge of killing in connection with an alleged robbery, has remarried. She married William Cook, Chicago accountant.

Scott committed suicide in Cook County jail two months ago while awaiting an insanity hearing. Mrs. Scott worked tirelessly in behalf of Scott while he was in jail. One time she fasted thirty days in Detroit to raise funds for Scott's defense.

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5 Killed, 4 Are Wounded In Feud Battle of Police

Clash Between Tennessee County and City Officers
Climaxed by Street Fight—Sheriff and Marshal
Are Among Those Who Lose Lives.

South Pittsburg, Tenn., Dec. 25 of Marion County, Tenn.; L. A. Hennessy, a deputy sheriff; Ben Parker, former sheriff and marshal of South Pittsburg; Ewing Smith, city marshal of South Pittsburg, and O. H. Larroche, a special policeman.

James Conner, a deputy city marshal here, was believed fatally wounded.

Three other officers, John Holden, a deputy city marshal here; Falette Johnson, a deputy sheriff, and Charles Pittman, a special policeman.

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CAPITAL YULETIDE, LED BY COOLIGES, KEEP SANTA BUSY

Dinner at White House Is
Preceded by the Old
Church Services.

18,000 CITY CHILDREN GUESTS AT THEATERS

Stanley-Crandall Companies
Hosts Today; Show for
boys; Other Gayety.

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CAPITAL CHURCHES OBSERVE NATIVITY WITH OLDE SONGS

"Adeste Fidelis" Given at St. Margaret's at Mid-night Service.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"
GIVEN AT HAMLINE M. E.

Covenant Choir Renders Old
Carols; First Baptist
Gives Pageant.

From the chancels of practically every Christian shrine of worship in the city—pompous cathedral and humble chapel—joyful strains of inspiring Nativity carols poured forth yesterday in celebration of the anniversary of the birth of the Christ child.

"Adeste Fidelis," an old carol whose loss is lost in antiquity; George Handel's celestial "Messiah," and many other classical compositions which have reached the souls of Christians with their flights of joy, were sung yesterday in choirs of church or congregations of every Washington church.

Christmas songs of the tenth to fourteenth centuries, some of which had never before been sung in America, comprised the musical program of special services held by the French congregation at the First Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon. The French choir, which rendered the ancient carols, was composed of 25 mixed voices, including the following soloists: Lawrence Lee, A. Marian Castle, Mme. Mardelle Dobbins and Miss Amelie Garet.

Musical libraries of Paris, New York and Washington were searched for many months in an effort to obtain the old and authentic French Christmas songs, and those sung yesterday were culled from the tenth to the fourteenth, thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. The songs were sung partly in French and part, in Provençal dialect as originally written. The program included "Salut Blanche Etolle," considered by many musicians as the finest translation that has ever been made of the old original "Adeste Fidelis."

Church Chorals Program.

At St. Margaret's Church "Adeste Fidelis" was rendered as a procession, along with other classical Christmas songs, at a special midnight service at the regular morning vespers.

The First Methodist Episcopal Church choir sang Handel's Messiah at the morning service concluding with the "Hallelujah" chorus.

Two groups of old Christmas songs and instrumental numbers were presented at the evening services at the Church of the Covenant, by the church quartet and Elsa Riner, violin; Richard Leiberg, violoncello; and Harvey Murray, organ. The Church choir, pastor, gave a brief Christmas interpretation in connection with the service.

A special Christmas musical program was given at both the morning and evening services yesterday at the National Baptist Memorial Church, by a choir of the church composed of F. Farrar, soprano; Edith M. White, contralto; Harvey T. Townsend, tenor; Robert E. Kline, Jr., bass; Emily Dickinson, organist; directed by John Dickinson.

All departments of the First Baptist Sunday School met in the Sunday school auditorium yesterday morning for the presentation of a pageant, and special Christmas music by the Sunday school orchestra of the church. The pageant, "No Room in the Inn," was participated in by the intermediate, junior, primary and beginners' departments of the Sunday school, assisted by an invisible choir of 20 voices.

**Yuletide to Continue
At Y. W. C. A. All Week**

Christmas social activities will continue in full swing at the Young Women's Christian Association's buildings during the entire holiday week, starting with a big "Y. W. C. A." dance at the Triangle Hut Friday night. The New Year will be observed at the main K street building by the board of directors of the association, who will hold an "at home" meeting Monday night until 6 o'clock.

One of the big annual events is a Christmas party to the children in the Mission, to be given by the Amicitia Club Tuesday evening in the main Y. W. C. A. building on K street. At the same time there is to be a tree party for the children on the Central

CHRISTMAS TREE WINS NAVAL HOSPITAL PRIZE



Joe Jamieson, Post Staff Photographer.

Christmas tree in Ward H-2 of the Naval Hospital which was awarded the prize given for the best decorated in the hospital. This is the third year in which Ward H-2 has won the six-pound box of candy given as the prize by the Red Cross. Hospital-Corpsman A. O. Levesque and Miss K. Moore, the ward nurse, are standing beside the tree.

Union Mission, at the Elizabeth Somers, Eleventh and K streets.

Other events at the various centers of the Y. W. C. A. this week include the Amicitia Club dance on Wednesday at the Blue Triangle Hut, and a tea on Thursday afternoon at the main building, with the industrial department houses, and with guests including many prominent industrial women.

Beginning Monday, January 2, the regular weekly schedule will be re-continued at all centers of the Young Women's Christian Association in the city.

**Christmas in London
Made Gloom by Rain**

London, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—The weather which promised England a snow white Christmas at the Dickens' type was the most unpopular fellow in the city on Thursday afternoon at the main building, with the industrial department houses, and with guests including many prominent industrial women.

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**Yule Banquet for Horses
To Be Served by League**

300 Are Expected Friday at Feast of Oats, Corn, Carrots and Apples—Delicacies Provided for Cats and Dogs

The weary drayhorse, and the prancing charger will meet on equal terms at the annual Christmas dinner to the equine population of the city, to be given by the Animal Rescue League at 345 Maryland avenue southwest Friday afternoon. On the menu are all of those things calculated to tickle the palate of the most epicurized steeds, carrots and apples.

The quaint custom of the league originated years ago when the horse was the only dependable means of transportation and the only food available every Christmas since. The feast is served in troughs on the front lawn of the league's headquarters whither many

owners bring their animals. More than 300 are expected.

The prancing beast, spending his days of usefulness under keeping of a slothful owner, will be sought out by the sleek motor cars of society folk who annually contribute thus to the cause of the customs. Sacks of corn and oats will be carried in to the equine beasts set loose in miserable stables about the city's outskirts. Mrs. R. Blumenburg, vice president, announced last night.

Dogs and cats in the custody of the league enjoyed a Christmas party Saturday afternoon, when Mr. Edmundson, president, served raw to the canines and catnip balls for the cats which romped and purred in appreciation.

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The family declined to divulge what the gifts were.

The only thing disclosed was that President von Hindenburg's keenest regret was his inability to enjoy the thrill of purchasing gifts for his grandchildren in person. His unusually large and well-known features prevented his mingling among shoppers incognito.

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Modern Salvage Work.

"Modern salvage methods," said the Secretary, "require derricks and pontoons combined. One of the largest floating cranes in existence has a lifting capacity of 250 tons. The ill-fated S-4 weighs about 75 tons in the water.

It is difficult to decide what to do on the suggestion for transferring the submarine base from New London to Florida waters, but he said that one factor which determines the location of the base was the depth of the water.

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New Evidence Said to Show Girl Was Slain in Youth's Apartment.

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NEIGHBORS BRING FOOD

Oconto, Nebr., Dec. 25 (A.P.)—The spark of life kept alive for 35 days by artificial respiration in the paralytic body of Miss Alma Overgard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Overgard, was ebullient fast tonight following a relapse suffered by the 16-year-old high school girl today.

The girl was able to speak only a word at a time to her father, who has been constantly at her bedside taking his turn at raising and lowering his head to the girl.

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HICKMAN, KIDNAPER, TRIES TWICE TO END LIFE IN JAIL

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received a simple test as to whether the hysteria he showed last night was feigned or natural. Alarmed over the visit of Los Angeles police detectives who arrived to take him into custody, the youth lost all of his poise and boastfulness and was heard in pleas for mercy.

The detectives who had seen the mutilated body of the little girl were in no mood to temporize when they entered his cell last night at the county jail and bolted the door behind him. In a few minutes he was lying on his side on the floor, crying, "Oh! God! Oh! Oh!"

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Many newspaper men also were in the party. The train is due in Portland at 6:15 p.m. when the young man who was arrested Thursday will be transferred to a Southern Pacific train for Los Angeles.

The extradition papers were brought here today by Dwight W. Longueau, of the Los Angeles Police Department, from Stanley C. Grayson, Patten, and L. M. Jackson, of the Oregon State Police.

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WHERE AMERICA IS WEAK.

The United States Government during the war tried the experiment of operating the railroads of the country. After making all allowances for the diversion of railroad energies into war activities, it is acknowledged that the net results of Government operation were decreased efficiency and enormous losses. The railroads never rendered worse service than during the war. Schedules were demoralized, trains were rarely on time, comforts disappeared, the dining service was execrable, and rates increased. When the roads were turned back to their owners the rolling stock was in bad shape and all other equipment was impaired.

The Government is now trying to operate the Nation's ships. It is doing poor work. The recent scandal in the Shipping Board, which met deserved rebuke from President Coolidge, is no worse than the failure of the board to function efficiently in other directions than the sale of vessels.

The operation of vessels in ocean commerce is a difficult business. There is competition of the hardest kind. Some of the foreign competitors of the United States are in partnership with governments, and can obtain advantages which the United States does not dream of conferring upon American shipowners. Foreign vessels are cheaper to build and cheaper to operate than American vessels. Foreigners work for lower wages than Americans will accept.

The poorest showing made by Americans in their rivalry with foreigners is on the seas. The situation is a reproach to American enterprise and resource.

The Government should retire from the business of operating ships. It should regulate, but not operate, just as it does in railroading. The Shipping Board should be nothing but an interstate and foreign commerce commission, dealing with ships instead of railroads.

The proposal to continue the Government in the shipping business, and to build \$200,000,000 worth of new ships to be operated by the Shipping Board, is a glaring mistake. Private shipowners should build these ships. The Government should help them by equalizing the conditions under which they must meet foreign competition. In return for this help, all ocean shipping under the American flag should belong to the naval reserve, and all their crews should be trained for naval reserve service. Ships and crews should pass under control of the Navy in time of war. The ships should have decks strong enough to carry six-inch gun platforms, and the guns and ammunition should be provided ahead of the time when they may be needed. The crews should be given periodical gun practice under naval instructors.

The Government should require shipowners to maintain passenger, mail and freight routes. Better mail pay should be allowed, with longer contracts. Shipowners who fail to repay loans or maintain routes should lose their ships, which should then be resold to others.

Let Congress study the history of the roads under private and Government operation, and apply the lesson to ships. It is nonsense to say that the United States can not devise a plan for developing a merchant marine under private and Government regulation.

DUING DEAD "BANDITS."

The Texas Bankers Association announced some time ago that it would pay a \$5,000 for every bank bandit killed. It was generally believed that the reward had been hit upon that would encourage banditry. An unforeseen result has arisen, however, which may withdraw the offer.

Two days ago two alleged bank bandits were third wounded by a deputy companion. The wounded man was not a bandit and that he was not the victim of the bank by the men he was serving. On the pretext of supporting the bandits, the officers instructed the bandits to wait in a desolate place until the time they had taken

their positions a fire started in a nearby church, the officers appeared, and the shooting started.

The accusation demands immediate investigation. If the story told by the survivor is true, murder has been committed of a particularly cold-blooded and horrible type. Unless the Texas bankers can be sure of the type of peace officers engaged in enforcing the law, they had better withdraw the reward offered for dead bandits.

LET THE NATION TAKE CONTROL.

The problem of Mississippi River control will probably revolve around a single question—that of providing a floodway. The flood of last spring was higher by 1,000,000 cubic feet per second than any previous flood. It was this excess that caused the principal damage.

The proposed floodway from the Arkansas via the Atchafalaya will take care of this 1,000,000 second feet. The existing levee system along the lower Mississippi could probably withstand any flood after 1,000,000 second feet had been diverted to the new floodway.

When it is borne in mind that Niagara Falls carries only 280,000 second feet, the dimensions of the proposed new floodway through Arkansas and Louisiana may be imagined.

The proposed floodway would exempt from further floods a great area in the State of Mississippi. Under the Jadwin plan, the State of Mississippi would be required to contribute largely to the cost of this floodway in other States. Is Mississippi ready to vote bonds or tax itself for this purpose?

Louisiana complains that it is the dumping basin of floods that originate in many other States. It contends that the thirty-one States whose waters swell the Mississippi floods are bound to regard this problem as their own. But Louisiana does agree that a floodway is necessary, no matter who pays for it.

The Mississippi River belongs to the Nation, not to the States. The duty of controlling its floods is national, not a State duty. The cost of control should be borne by the United States. Then all taxpayers and all States would pay their just share. The problem is not one of reclaiming lands or protecting private property. It is essentially a question of national defense against the savage power of nature.

Human life must be defended and saved. No State or combination of Mississippi Valley States can cope with this problem, and no plan that contemplates assessment of part of the burden upon particular States can be made just or equitable. No one could figure out how much Mississippi or Arkansas or any other State should pay. But all of them will pay, in honest proportion, if the work is done and paid for by the Government.

Louisiana should not be taxed extra because it is on the river, and Maine should not escape taxation because it is distant from the river.

Control of this continental river is America's job. No power except the United States Government can successfully keep this river in bounds. Congress should sweep away all futile talk of dividing up this work and peddling it among certain States. Unless the Nation takes control of the Mississippi River it will never be controlled.

COMBINING AGAINST AMERICA.

There can be slight doubt that the lure of the American market and the vigor of American competition abroad are responsible for the economic weapons that foreign countries are sharpening against the United States. Already

there have been indications from more than one source that industry in this country is to be subjected to sharp attack, and that greater barriers than those of distance are to be placed in the way of foreign trade.

The latest offensive has been directed toward the motion-picture industry. France is considering a quota law under the terms of which only seven times as many American films may be imported as are produced in France. There is, moreover, talk of an alliance between France, Germany and England with the same idea in view. In all three of these countries there has been continuous agitation against American films. The public has continued, nevertheless, to show a preference for the Hollywood product. The present movement is designed, therefore, to accomplish by law what it has been impossible to bring about by propaganda and persuasion.

The French proposal is not designed entirely for the protection of the French producer of motion pictures. It is suggested that the quota on American films may be the means of bringing producers in the United States within the proposed alliance, and that in consequence foreign films may have a better opportunity for exhibition in the 25,000 American picture houses, more than double the number contained in all France, Germany and England.

The proposed French tariff, the Swiss levy

on automobile parts, and the French film embargo are all indications of the effort that other nations are making to break down the domination of American industry and trade.

The place which this Nation has achieved in the world markets can not be held without a struggle. American prosperity acts as a magnet. The other nations in the world either

wish to share it or prevent any portion of it from being drawn from within their borders.

AIR POWER IN FUTURE WARS.

The "frightfulness" of the war of the future was realistically visioned in a lecture on "Air Power and Its Application," delivered recently in London by Group-Capt. W. F. McNeese Foster, who was the British air staff representative at the disarmament conference of the League of Nations. Picturing London as being gassed from the air, Capt. Foster quoted from a distinguished member of the British general staff, one, too, who was not a biased air officer, and who yet wrote some few years ago:

London for several days will be one vast raving bedlam. * * * What of the government at Westminster? It will be swept by an avalanche of terror. Then will the enemy dictate his terms. Thus may a war be won in 48 hours, and the losses of the winning side may actually be nil.

Capt. Foster gave it as his opinion that no airman of high position would guarantee that, under favorable weather conditions for the enemy immunity could be insured against a great city being flooded with gas, set on fire with incendiary shells, and bombed with high explosives. In such an event, there would be seen the fulfillment of the German general's prediction regarding the war of the future, namely, that it will frequently have "the ap-

pearance of destruction en masse of the entire civil population rather than a combat of armed men."

It is true that the geographical situation of Great Britain makes it peculiarly vulnerable to air attack, and that the strategic importance of London as the heart of the British empire would make the destruction of that city specially important and desirable to an enemy: Hence the necessity of defending the capital at all costs. Capt. Foster thought that, in view of that urgency, the navy and the air force are each vital to security, that passive defense by air is at best only a palliative, and that the position of the offensive vis-a-vis the defensive is becoming stronger with the trend of air scientific development. Carry the fight to the enemy and be the first to strike, would appear to be the gist of this reasoning, and it must be conceded that it has much to recommend it.

In all this European air activity there is for the United States of America a salient moral, which may be summarized in the four words: Don't be caught unprepared!

IMPORTS BY AIR.

The first step toward the establishment of an air customs service has been taken by the Treasury Department. Key West is made the first port of entry where customs inspectors will be on hand to examine and classify imports arriving by air.

After a series of conferences between officials of the Pan-American Airways and the Commissioner of Customs, Secretary Mellon reached the conclusion that the time had arrived for recognition of the airship as a medium for the importation of foreign goods subject to customs laws. If the predictions of air companies are borne out, within ten years air-planes will be commonly employed for importation of small articles from the countries of Central America and the islands of the Caribbean Sea, as well as from South America.

It is quite likely that the development of air transportation will result in the establishment of inland ports of entry at landing fields utilized by planes in international business.

HEADQUARTERS OF RED TAPE.

Vice President Dawes has joined those who criticize the failure of the Comptroller General to revise the bookkeeping methods of the Government. Despite the passage of years, says the Vice President, the system in vogue among the Government departments is still decentralized, an evil which business men of large experience will be quick to understand.

The "hesitation" of the present occupant of the office of Comptroller General to make the necessary changes will, in the opinion of Mr. Dawes, be protracted. He sees no hope until a successor to John R. McCarl may be named. Undoubtedly the present Comptroller General is a busy man. He must have devoted much study to the standardization of tips to be given by Government employees, the danger of providing special drinking water for consulates in foreign countries, and the reasons why available funds should not be used in such an emergency as the relief of flood victims in the Mississippi Valley.

There has long been evidence of the fact that the Comptroller General's office is where red tape has its headquarters. The rulings issuing from it have almost invariably carried out the best traditions of antiquity, and paid little, if any, attention to the dictates of common sense. Meanwhile, nothing has been done, according to the Vice President, to eradicate the absurdities of the governmental system of bookkeeping. The various departments proceed along their individual paths, each creating distinct, confusing and complicated problems for the Comptroller General and his staff to unravel. A few blows delivered at the very foundation of red tape might eliminate much of it all together, and save the Government millions of dollars. But such heroic action can be performed only by a heroic man.

HENRY J. HALLGREEN.

There were few to remark the death, last week, at Malden, Mass., of Henry J. Hallgreen. It is doubtful if a single reader whose eye falls on this page could tell who he was. Yet he inspired millions, in his day, with veritable frenzy, and his contributions to the struggle between North and South may be said to have kept the war alive until the issue which caused it was decided.

Who, then, was this man? He was the author of a song not yet forgotten, "John Brown's Body Lies A-Moulderling in the Grave."

In the far-off days of the Civil War how many thousands of Northern soldiers chanted the grim words of the song as they marched across the Southern countryside or swung into action! How many hearts once responded to the fierce determination expressed in those lines! Indeed, Hallgreen's song so perfectly expressed the attitude of the North that it was the only recruiting literature found necessary for the prosecution of the war.

There have been several occasions in the course of history when the popular mood was, as it were, crystallized in words and music, thus keeping the issue of the day constantly before the public. The Garibaldi hymn and Rouget de Lisle's "Marseillaise" are classic examples. But not even these ever exerted the influence of Hallgreen's song, vulgar and vindictive as it was. Before it Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic," conceived on a far loftier plane, paled into obscurity. Hallgreen's song brought the issue of the war and the abolitionist attitude toward it violently before the public. Set to the irresistible music of the "Battle Hymn," it kept Northern sentiment strictly to the mark during four terrible years. For all its crudities, it was a psychological masterpiece.

As for Hallgreen, he rose to be captain of Massachusetts' "Fighting-Tiger" Regiment, served throughout the war and then retired to the bosom of the G. A. R. He lived to the ripe old age of 95.

Dartmouth's president says too many young people go to college, but how else can parents get rid of them?

Give Japan credit for one thing—she thinks of America as a nation, not as Santa Claus or Shylock.

The universal draft will be more fair. Then nobody can be blamed for being a second lieutenant.

Civilization's task in China is to bring order out of chaos.



The Snowball Makes Its Annual Pilgrimage.

—New York Herald Tribune.

PRESS COMMENT.

Beware a Crash.
Toledo Blade: Russians are using eggs for money. Thus are the possibilities for going broke multiplied.

The Lowden Attitude.
Indianapolis Star: Former Gov. Lowden seems to doubt his ability to get out of the way of any speeding presidential band wagon.

Button Riders.
San Francisco Chronicle: You can't call him a good driver until he outgrows the belief that riding the horn button will clear a traffic jam.

Prayer Riders.
Baltimore Evening Sun: Prayer at morning: "Oh, Lord, provide for me a parking place this day not more than ten blocks away from the office!"

Another Lone Eagle.
Boston Transcript: Mr. Borod is dubbed the Lone Eagle by the New York Times. And you can't deny that he has a tireless wing and a fine screach.

One Thing Free.
Kansas City Star: Father is taking a more hopeful view of the approaching Christmas season. He reads in the papers that a comet will be on view during the holidays, free of charge and visible to the naked eye.

Time is Relative.
Atchison Globe: Einstein was right. Time is relative. If you like your relative, his visit is short. If you don't like him, his visit is long. Another illustration: If you are the tenant, rent day comes around swiftly; if you are the landlord, rent day is slow about coming around.

Pardons.
Louisville Courier Journal: When one considers the number of pardons granted between the date of a State election and the time when the incoming administration retires, he wonders how States which elect their governors every two years manage to keep their prisons full.

Showing a Missourian.
Richmond Times Dispatch: A friend of Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri says the senator with his own consent is being boomed for the Democratic presidential nomination and that he will not be a candidate for reelection to the upper branch of Congress. It appears, then, that you can't even show these people from Missouri anything.

Suiting the Action.
Philadelphia Public Ledger: Manuel

Queson, the Philippine leader now in this country, apparently suits his speeches to his audiences. A short time ago he spoke before a gathering of business men in New York. On that occasion he touched rather lightly on the subject of Philippine independence and seemed willing to relegate the matter to an indefinite future. He knows that any real prospect of immediate independence would keep American capital from the islands. In Philadelphia Queson addressed the American Academy of Political and Social Science. On this occasion he got back to the old familiar plea for "immediate" independence. He still does not see that all ties

are severed. He reiterates his proposal for an "arrangement." But the point is, that when not talking specifically to men with money to invest in the Philippines, he emphasized the word "immediate." Before an audience of business men he soft-pedaled it.

ats to Husband.
Brooklyn Eagle: A court up in Bath decides that if a woman wants to bequeath \$15,000 for the care of her pet cat, the widow has nothing to complain of. It is no evidence of insanity to prefer some cats to some husbands. Men made the laws under which such decisions are possible before ever women's suffrage was invented. They are still paying the penalty of their gallantry.

Old Outside Speaks.
Baltimore Sun: Washingtonians need not be excited by the appraisal which puts a value of \$22,000,000 on the White House and its grounds. This valuable property, rendering no taxes to the District of Columbia, is however held by the government, which enjoys no such immunity, but the government is only

able to move from its present site, tax-free, in that neighborhood would be the first to protest. They would be in the tax, to be sure, but the saving would be due to a sudden and lamentable depreciation in the value of their own real estate.

Lindy's Safety.
Brooklyn Citizen: Many Americans are beginning to worry over the chances taken by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh in his nonstop flights. It is felt that he is too valuable a citizen to risk his life unnecessarily. He is not only the foremost aviator in the world, but his modesty, tact, personality and magnetism have endeared him to everyone at home and abroad, and he is proving to be a real "Ambassador of Peace" between this and other countries. One can not stop him from flying and it is not necessary or advisable for him to quit, as he is a wonderful aviator.

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LINDBERGH ENJOYS FULL DAY OF QUIET IN CITY OF MEXICO

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DIAL LITERARY AWARD GOES TO EZRA POUND

New York, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—The Dial award of \$2,000 for distinguished service to American letters has been given this year to Ezra Pound, it was announced today.

The Foreign Office of Idaho, the

Little Review from 1909 to 1917.

He has translated poetry from the medieval, Provencal, modern French, Latin and Chinese, and plays from Japanese.

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who are expected to arrive next Monday

from their home in Argentina.

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CAPITAL SOCIETY EVENTS

THE British Ambassador and Lady Isabella Howard entertained at dinner last evening when their relatives and wife were the members of the Embassy staff.

The Ambassador of Argentina, Mr. Horacio Pueyredon, and his daughter, Miss Angelica Pueyredon, will go to New York Sunday to meet Mme. Pueyredon and Miss Julia Pueyredon who are expected to arrive next Monday from their home in Argentina.

Capt. and Mrs. Robert Darnall, who is a senior in the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Capt. and Mrs. C. H. Harlow, who had been living abroad since 1921, have returned to Washington and are at the Hotel Lafayette.

Mr. R. Golden Donaldson has with him at the Wardman Park Hotel for the holidays his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Irish, of New York, and his son, Mr. Robert G. Donaldson, a senior of Cleveland, and Mr. Wynan Cleaves Donaldson, who is a junior at Williams College.

The Ambassador of Italy and Nobil Donna Antonietta de Martino entertained at dinner last night at the embassy for the members of the staff and their wives. Also among their guests were Princess Margaret Boncompagni and Consul General Grazzi of Cleveland.

The Ambassador of Spain and Senora de Padilla received the members of the staff of the embassy and their wives Wednesday afternoon.

The Ambassador of France and Mme. Claudel entertained at a dance at the embassy last evening for their daughters, Mlle. Marie Claudel and Mlle. Reine Claudel.

The Minister of Hungary and Count Szekely will entertain at a party Saturday night.

The Minister of Colombia and Senora de Olaya will entertain at dinner tonight at the legation. Among the guests will be the members of the staff and their wives and a few Colombians residing in the District.

The Minister of Poland and Mme. Clechanowska have as their guest for the holidays the former's niece, Senorita Abigail Alvaro.

The Minister of Norway and Mme. Bachke entertained at dinner last evening for the members of the legation.

The newly appointed Minister of Guatemala, Mr. Adrian Recinos, will arrive in New Orleans today and will come to Washington on Wednesday.

Senator and Mrs. J. H. Caraway have with them their son, Cadet Paul W. Caraway, and also Cadet John M. Coulter, Cadet Arthur E. Noble and Cadet Robert J. Fleming, all of West Point.

Representative and Mrs. E. W. Davis of Tennessee, who are staying at Congress Hall, have as their guest through the holidays, their daughter, Miss Carolyn Davis.

Mrs. Florence P. Kahn, representative of the Allegro Music Club of Neighborhood House, who are staying at the Wardman Park Hotel, after which they went to New York where they will remain a week.

The Charge d'Affaires of Germany and Frau Kippenhahn entertained at dinner last evening at Wardman Park Hotel, after which they went to New York where they will remain a week.

Judge John Barton Payne is at Pinehurst, N.C. for the holidays.

Mrs. Proctor Dougherty will have as her guest Miss Alice of the month, Mrs. William Ladue, wife of the Engineer Commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander B. Legare will be hosts at a dinner at the Alibi Club tonight preceding the Christmas ball at the Mayflower Hotel for the benefit of the Children's Country Home.

Madame, widow of the former Ambassador of Germany, will go to New York in a few days and will sail Thursday on the New York for her home in Germany.

De Jean to Be Ambassador.

Paris, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—It was confirmed in official circles today that M. de Jean, undersecretary for American affairs at the French Foreign Office, will be named French Ambassador to Brazil on January 1.

When you want "Today's Results Today" call Main 4205 and phone your ad to The Washington Post.

Rose Ann French is chairman of the committee on arrangements. She is being assisted by Mrs. Mary A. Buchanan; Miss Ann M. Ferguson, Mrs. Benz, Miss Catherine Moriarty; and Miss Gertrude McNally.

Mrs. Arthur Lee Willard announces that she will not be at home today or next Monday, but will be at home on other days.

DELTA SIGMA THETA CONCLAVE TOMORROW

The annual convention of the grand chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, which will convene tomorrow in three-day session at Howard University, will be attended by more than two hundred delegates from all parts of the country. Thirty-four active chapters will be represented. Registration headquarters have been established in Library Hall on the Howard University campus for tomorrow morning. Delegates arriving here today will register at the Alpha chapter house, 603 Howard place.

The convention will be officially welcomed tomorrow afternoon in the main hall at Micaela's, by Dr. D. S. Lowe, the reception being the first of a series of social functions in honor of the delegates. The sorority was founded at Howard University in 1913.

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1927 A GOOD YEAR, BUSINESS MEN FIND IN MOST OF EUROPE

Slow but Always Upward Trend Is Reported by Many Countries.

RUSSIA ONLY UNCERTAIN FACTOR, IT IS ASSERTED

War Rumors in Balkans Fail; Much Money Available; Exports Increase.

London, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—In checking up profits and losses at the year 1927 flickers away, the average European business man finds the year has been a good one.

Reports of a slow, but always upward trend in economic life come from France, Germany, Italy and other continental countries, while Great Britain reports a similar situation, leaving Soviet Russia the one great economic uncertainty of Europe. Nebulous control of the Soviet Government's political control over the country, but the opinion of many experts is that the future of Russia depends on the government's success in attracting foreign capital.

During 1927 the war was won in the Balkans and Baltic affected conditions in the smaller countries, but the war mongers were doomed to disappointment for no hostilities occurred. Of course, Mr. Average European has yet paid all his bills for his fun or folly of 1914-18, and until that great war has been paid for the cry of "hard times" is going to continue to be heard.

French Are Complaining.

As the year closes the French business world is complaining as loudly as any in Europe, yet the French foreign trade balance is favorable. In France there seems to exist an anomaly of bad conditions locally and improved conditions generally. Few experts try to explain this, but among the suggestions advanced one has been found which is significantly "everybody in France works nowadays," and lets it go at that.

The small capitalists who return before the war are tolling again. In fact, never before in French history have so few citizens been on independent means. The fact that plenty of money is in circulation despite the high bank rate is explained by invisible exports—money spent in France by members of the American Legion this past summer and a small army of other tourists from the United States.

British trade returns for November better any month's figures reported in the past three years. The total value of exports was more than £70,000,000, nearly £17,000,000 better than last year, which is a most gratifying gain. John Bull is not the only one to be pleased, but the fact that leaders of industry and finance are cheerful despite the depression existing in such basic industries as coal, iron and steel and spinning, and with a million and a half unemployed workers, indicates British determination to conquer present day problems.

"Peace in Industry" Drive.

The new year begins with the inauguration of a "peace in industry" campaign which may mean much for the coming year.

During 1927 Germany made sure but slow economic progress despite her increased liabilities under the Dawes reparations scheme. The general output and trade turnover rates are calculated to be 11 per cent higher than 1926 and commerce and industry as a whole have been more favorable than at any time since stabilization of the mark. German credit, in the words of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, is stable and healthy.

It is true that the winter months have increased unemployment to 752,000 persons, but this is only half the number that was out of work last year. The Christmas shopping season proved there was no shortness of either money or money all over the country.

From Vienna comes word that although six months ago Austria seemed doomed to a sudden outburst of bolshevism, which caused industrial leaders to cancel their seasonal orders and products, a general depression has not come. Yet there was a better fate in store and representatives of all departments of Austria's economic life are agreed that 1927 was the first year since the fall of the monarchy to be a good year.

The government observations were in line on their earnings. The federal treasury proudly displayed a balance in black ink of \$11,500,000 as the year took its place in history.

Fascists and antifascists continue to quarrel over nationalism, but Mr. Average Italian Business Man sees only efficiency and prosperity as the result of Mussolini's regime.

1927 Greatest Year For Toronto Exchange

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 25 (A.P.)—Transactions which in the first 11 months of 1927 exceeded by approximately 10 per cent the entire business done in 1926 have made this the greatest year in the history of the Standard Stock and Mining Exchange.

A total of 279,365,669 shares with an aggregate value of \$20,861,665, in hands, a list of stocks classed as unlisted on the Standard Exchange would bring the total to December 1 close to the 300,000,000 share mark.

WALL STREET BRIEFS

New York, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—All activities in the financial district will be suspended tomorrow for the Christmas holiday. The New York Stock Exchange, Curb Market, Cotton Market and all other securities and commodities markets, also the banks will be closed.

Earnings of the Stanley Co. of America which has increased its control of theaters in the United States will be paid dividends in the amount of \$4 a share for 1927 by a large margin, the company's treasurer has informed the directors. Increased earnings were forecast for the first quarter of 1928, the most productive period of the theatrical year.

L. H. Gilmer Co., textile manufacturers of Shreveport, La., is making preparations for the erection of an additional plant which will increase capacity from 4,000 to 10,000 yards. Forty extra loans are ready in Philadelphia for shipment soon and purchases of forty extra loans is contemplated, making a total of 148 at the mill.

American Agricultural Chemical Co. will retire \$6,000,000 of its 7 per cent bonds at 103 1/2, on February 1. Payment, it is said, will be out of the sale of the Charlevoix Harbor & Northern Railway from 4,000 to 10,000 yards. Forty extra loans are ready in Philadelphia for shipment soon and purchases of forty extra loans is contemplated, making a total of 148 at the mill.

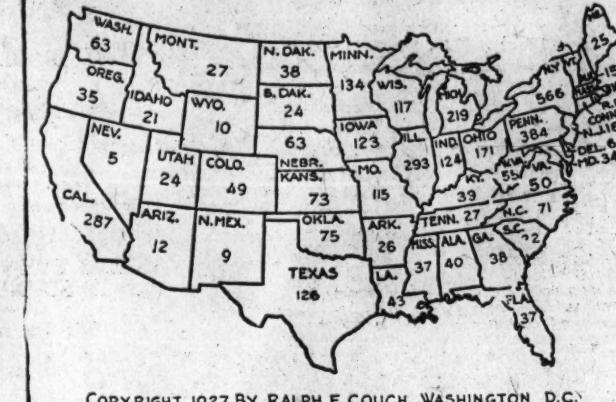
The Ford Electric Light Co. will be the first private electric company to be established in Japan. It began operations in 1887, at that time generating power by coal. Hydroelectric power was not developed commercially until about 1907. The company already has about 5,000,000 watts of generating capacity and demands the total subscribed capital of about 300,000,000 yen (roughly \$30,000,000), the largest corporation in Japan.

Business Day by Day

PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY IN U.S. APPRAISED AT \$4,252,000,000

Value Of Public School Buildings In Each State

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Property employed by public schools in the United States is appraised at \$4,252,000,000 in an announcement made by the United States Bureau of Education. This total includes sites and buildings as well as furniture and other equipments.

The Education Bureau has just completed its newest biennial study of the school systems of all States.

Since new buildings are being erected each year in every State as the school enrollment grows, the data of the Education Bureau may not coincide with the appraisals by local school authorities.

An investment of approximately \$173 per student enrolled is shown by the

GRANTING OF BIG CREDIT BOOSTS ITALIAN BONDS

Heavy New Offerings Also Are Feature of the Week's Dealings.

CONVERTIBLE LIST ACTIVE

New York, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—Overshadowing every other development in the bond market last week was the granting of \$125,000,000 credits to the Banco d'Italia, stabilization of Italian currency on a gold basis of 19 lire to the dollar, and a wave of buying of Italian securities in the open markets.

Of the credit to the Italian bank, which was in connection with the stabilization of the lira, about \$55,000,000 was guaranteed in this country. A direct gold credit of \$25,000,000 was extended by J. P. Morgan & Co. and banks of the Federal Reserve System agreed to purchase up to \$30,000,000 of prime commercial bills. The balance was guaranteed by private and central banks of European countries.

The participation by the Federal Reserve Banks, while not a direct gold credit, affects the same result, inasmuch as the Italian bank can now buy in gold in the New York market. While Federal Reserve Banks do not participate in direct gold credits, they frequently have participated in stabilization loans through the purchase of commercial bills.

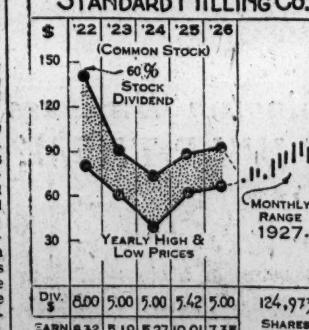
Motor issues gained considerable prominence and accessories followed in their wake, notably some of the tire issues such as Firestone. Sugar issues also gained some of the ground which had been lost earlier in the autumn.

High-priced issues, which usually move independently, showed contrasting trends, especially Quaker Oats, which gained about 47 points and Shriram Pen, which dropped to 789 after closing as high as 862, just before the announcement of a 20-for-1 split-up of stock.

As a secondary feature of the week new bond offerings again covered the \$200,000,000 mark, with public utility issues once more supplying the bulk. Outside that classification, however, was a \$31,000,000 issue for the New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad, floated to Cleveland was one of the week's developments.

What's Behind Your Stock?

STANDARD MILLING CO.



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The Standard Milling Co. is one of the world's largest milling concerns, and has a well established line of products. Hecker's Superlative Flour, Cereals, Oats, Oatmeal, and other brands are well known. The company's products have been known to the public for more than sixty years.

Expansion has been continuous, and a large number of mills have been opened in the United States and Canada.

Net income of \$1,773,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1927, was the largest since 1920, comparing with \$1,243,000 reported for the ten months ended June 30, 1926.

CAPITALIZATION

Funded Debt \$1,000,000,000.

Preferred Stock (6% non-c.) 6,488,000.

Common Stock (\$100 Par) 12,497,342.

Current Debt—It was reported on August 31, 1927, that the plant site in the town of the same name, Cereals Co. would be directly accessible to lake grain boats by the removal of a rock ledge to make the Buffalo River navigable.

The plant then would be able to draw grain directly from the western grain terminals and distribute its product to a wide territory entirely by water at a large saving in freight charges.

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Lloyd George Stops

At Lisbon on Sea Trip

Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—Former Premier David Lloyd George, of England, who with his family, is en route to Brazil aboard the *Avalon*, spent three hours here today when the vessel stopped.

Lloyd George did not disembark, but his daughter, Miss Meigan, visited ashore while her father received the British legation chancery and newspaper men aboard.

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BUSINESS ASSUMES BETTER TONE WITH NEW YEAR'S COMING

STEEL SETS THE INDUSTRIAL PACE WITH BROADENED GENERAL BUYING.

AUTO TRADE REVEALS SIGNS OF QUICKENING

AVIATION AGAIN ASSERTS RIGHT TO RECOGNITION AS COMMERCIAL FACTOR.

New York, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—American business last week assumed a livelier aspect, as if preparing to take off into the new year with renewed vigor. The trading session dominated the commercial situation, as would be expected, signs of improvement in industry imparted a rather pleasing color to the 1928 prospect.

Steel set the pace in the so-called heavy industries. A good deal of general buying for first quarter delivery was reported, partly based on expectations of stiffening prices early next year. Chicago, in particular, felt the momentum of expanding orders and operations, while there was noticeable increase in some other centers.

Speculative activity in U. S. Steel common ran wild in Wall street in the closing days of the week, based upon numerous reports circulated in the financial district.

Successor to Gary Chosen.

In banking circles it was clearly indicated that a successor to Edith D. Gary, as chairman of the board, had been selected and that his confirmation was likely at the monthly meeting of directors on Tuesday. In this connection there were free predictions of a more liberal dividend policy and perhaps a larger stock distribution early in 1928.

Some other industries reflected the seasonal slackening of operations usual at this time of year. Shutdowns for inventory were fairly common. The automobile trade, which fell to its lowest ebb in November, showed signs of quickening and a sharp increase in employment was reported from motor manufacturing centers.

Gold's expansion of the Ford plants was partially responsible for this improvement, along with preparations for an expected heavy business year. New models of the low-priced order are understood to be under way and, despite energetic denials, reports again gained circulation of an impending price war in the automotive world.

Low-priced "Family Automobile."

Aviation again asserted its right to recognition as an industrial and business factor. Keen interest in the more recent exploits of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh again focused public attention on the manufacture and operation of special equipment, and announcement was made of a low-priced "family plane," production of which was to begin before many months. The Post-Office Department reported that the use of airmail will have reached the unprecedented proportions during the hollidays.

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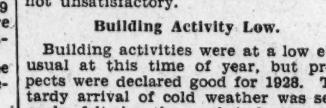
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Lloyd George Stops

At Lisbon on Sea Trip

Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—Former Premier David Lloyd George, of England, who with his family, is en route to Brazil aboard the *Avalon*, spent three hours here today when the vessel stopped.

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1st Race	2d Race	3d Race	4th Race	5th Race	6th Race	7th Race
Jacqueminot	War Man	Level Sweep	None	Hogan's Alley	North Breeze	Blockhead
The Southerner	Candy Pan	Clique	Junior's Nurse	Rosinante	Greenbriar entry	Torches
Model	Howard Lee	None	Hogan's Alley	North Breeze	Grange	Jack Horgan
Golden School	John William II	None	Hogan's Alley	Justice F.	Witt	Medley
Fast Wind	Choice	Royal Sweep	Colonial Drage	Crystal Domino	George Davis	Torches
Jacqueminot	Hats Up	None	Hogan's Alley	Margaret St. L.	Ades	Blockhead
Telegraph	Kinloch	Junior's Nurse	Nixon	Billy Witt	North Moon	Albark
Blushing Maiden	Payman	None	None	Justice F.	Grange	Frightful
Telegraph	Blushing Maiden	Royal Sweep	Colonial Drage	North Breeze	War Eagle	Blockhead
Rio Rey	Porter	None	Hogan's Alley	North Breeze	Grange	Blockhead
Running Horse	Kinloch	Royal Sweep	None	North Breeze	Grange	Crossantans
Budd	Forget Me Not	None	None	North Breeze	Grange	Jack Horgan
Racing Form	Kinloch	Royal Sweep	None	North Breeze	Grange	Blockhead
Sweat	Forget Me Not	None	None	North Breeze	Grange	Crossantans
Racing Form	Jacqueminot	Royal Sweep	None	North Breeze	Grange	Blockhead
N. Y. Handicap	Kinloch	None	None	North Breeze	Grange	Blockhead
Racing Form	Golden School	Colonial Drage	None	North Breeze	Grange	Blockhead
Sharpshooter	Colonel Seth	Royal Sweep	Rosinante	North Breeze	Grange	Blockhead
N. Y. Telegraph	Kentucky Col.	None	Hogan's Alley	North Breeze	Grange	Blockhead
Consensus	Jacqueminot	Royal Sweep	None	North Breeze	Grange	Blockhead
	Kinloch	Arrogance	None	North Breeze	Grange	Blockhead
	Model	Candy Pan	Rosinante	North Breeze	Grange	Blockhead
	Jacqueminot	Porter	None	North Breeze	Grange	Blockhead
	Kinloch	Royal Sweep	None	North Breeze	Grange	Blockhead
	Model	Arrogance	None	North Breeze	Grange	Blockhead

COLLYER'S COMMENTARY on the SPORT of KINGS

By HENRY L. COLLYER

BLOCKHEAD. Right back on the bezer on this "bird" is the happy greeting from Charley Koerner, the ex-jockey, to his rats of clients. Plenty of class to this performer and now that you have been slipped the O. K. to ride that you have something left when the last race at Jefferson Park rolls around.

Twenty-three are named through the entry box as probable starters for the \$5,000 Xmas handicap. Several will be scratched, while others unquestionably should be left in the barn. Owing to the large field, much will depend upon racing luck. JUSTICE F. is the class of the race. He has had one race under his belt and is now ready to travel to the Rocky Mountains and back again. Also "Long Tom" has his checks riding.

Clyde Phillips is going to turn loose a real runner in the opening dash, the usual maiden affair for the juveniles. He will saddle JACQUEMINOT. In the opening dash, the usual maiden affair for the juveniles. He will saddle JACQUEMINOT.

Quite a mouthful, brother. I agree. If you are not satisfied from the jockey shoulders up, you will have a ticket riding on the front end. This is "Little Johnny's" Christmas present to the faithful.

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Chorus of Eight Voices and Orchestra Are to Start Varied Entertainment.

FAMED SOLOISTS ON LIST

WRC will begin a thirteen-hour continuous program at 10 o'clock this morning, when a program of English and other Yuletide songs to prolong the spirit of Christmas will be given by a chorus and orchestra, then a variety program, featuring instrumental and vocal soloists and an instrumental trio.

Laurelous music will begin at noon, followed by a dance orchestra, then a marimba band with a string quartet. "Christmas Moods" will be the title of a broadcast at 4 o'clock this afternoon, showing how the holiday is observed at sea, in England, in the tropics, in the city and in the country (old-fashioned) way.

Maria Gambashi, the "Gamb" of Rox's Gang, will celebrate the ninth anniversary of her engagement with S. L. Rothafel in the program at 7:30 o'clock tonight. For nine years Gamb has been dancing before movie audiences in theaters under the direction of Rox.

In addition to her work as premier danseuse at the Roxo Theater, Gamb has also evolved a radio presentation of patter and character songs through which she has become familiar to a vast audience of listeners.

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Mexico City, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—The finance committee of the chamber of deputies hopes to increase the budget next year at least 47,000,000 pesos (\$29,500,000) below the 1927 budget, and may be able to reduce it as much as 73,000,000 pesos.

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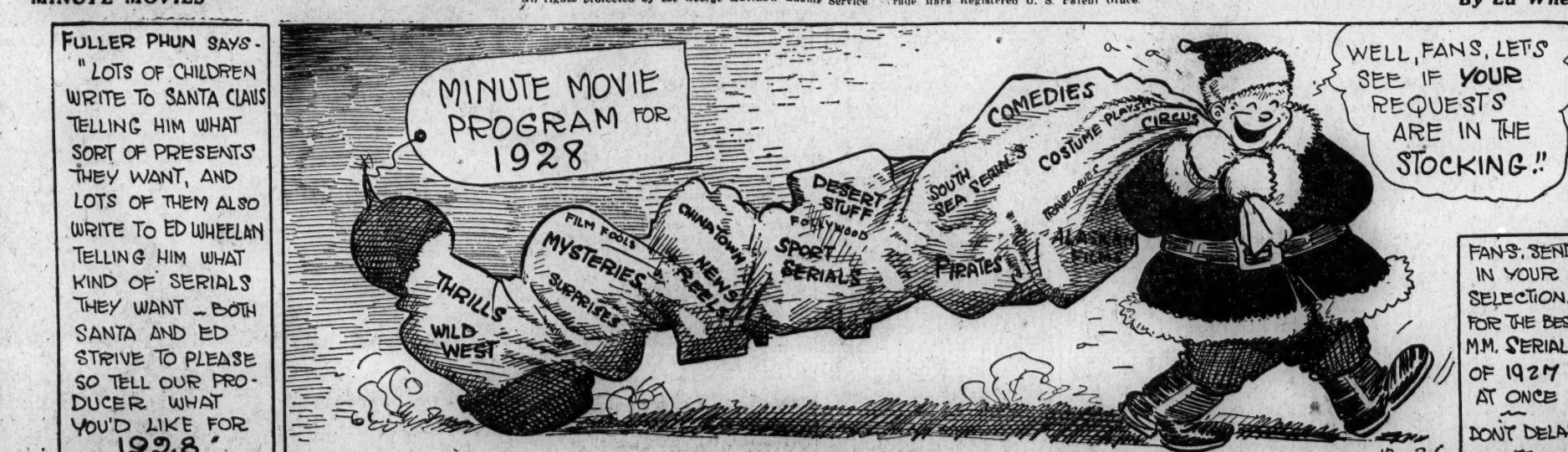
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HOW TO KEEP WELL

By DR. W. A. EVANS

To the limit of space, questions pertaining to hygiene and prevention of disease will be answered in this column. Personal replies will be made to inquiries, under proper limitations, when the questioner's name and address are given. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual disease.

THE RISE AND FALL OF DISEASE IN ILLINOIS

In ORDER to appreciate how fortunate we are, it is sometimes necessary to look back over the long list of diseases that have traveled over the land. At other times some one will do this for us, telling us what they see. This Dr. I. D. Rawlings, the health director of Illinois, has done for the people of his State. What he tells is true along the line of diseases of the country.

When Illinois became a State in 1816 many kinds of infection had already been brought in. The Indian, prior to the coming of the white man, died early, and the tribes were not increasing in number—but this was not because of disease. His birth rate was low, for on this, death and hunger exacted heavy toll for another.

The white man brought malaria, typhoid, and consumption with him. Conditions were right for the increase of these diseases. In consequence the settlers suffered greatly. The doctor, medical, laundries, their children, people had a hard time maintaining themselves. They did not know what to do individually, and collective action was something unknown. Nothing saved them but the high birth rate. Chicago was a marsh infested by mosquitoes and leeches, and made almost impossible by malaria.

The inauguration of a State government in 1818 provided the people with a state health department to keep the peace, fix titles to property, and to give security, but so far as health was concerned, the change meant exactly zero.

The gradual clearing up of the country, drainage of the land, and increase of the public health better in some ways, to worse in others. In the main, however, there was a slow, gradual upward trend.

In 1877 the legislature provided a State health department. A few years earlier local communities had organized local departments of health. At first these departments were not very active.

The State department fell heir to an epidemic of yellow fever. This it succumbed in 1878. Some diseases were on the wane, gradually the department found itself.

As Dr. Rawlings looked back over the road the people had traveled he found that disease began definitely showing evidence of being controlled about that time. Some diseases were on the wane to 1880. Some were not yet in check. But, averting them and viewing the situation in the broad, it is proper to say that the year 1877 marked the beginning of a new epoch. Continuing progress is apparent. A comparison of 1877 with 1880 shows improvement that is almost phenomenal, and conclusively in "The Rise and Fall of Disease in Illinois," issued by the State in commemoration of the centennial of the State health department.

NEEDS MORE EXERCISE

D. E. N. writes: 1. I was thinking about taking up swimming during the

winter months, but I do not know whether it would do me any good as I am 16 years old and 5 feet 7 inches and weigh only 102 pounds.

I do not take any other exercise except a little walking and I am sitting down all day.

2. How much should I weigh?

3. I eat plenty of food, and I am not a fast eater. What sort of food in particular would you suggest?

4. I am inclined to be constipated. I ate bran would it help?

REPLY:

1. Take up swimming and other exercises.

2. About 134 pounds.

3. Eat plain, simple food such as meat, milk, bread, vegetables and fruit. Eat a bowl of cereal and a substance such as oatmeal at 8. Go to bed at 9 and sleep until 6. Learn not to worry, fidget, fuss or fume.

4. Yes, provided you also eat plenty of sour milk, vegetables and fruit, and drink lots of water.

NOW THAT'S SETTLED.

E. F. W. writes: We have had a little dispute over what was the nature of Calvin Coolidge, Jr.'s death.

"B" says septic scratch in the leg.

"A" says picric poisoning.

REPLY:

"A" is right.

ENLARGED LYMPH GLANDS.

L. H. B. writes: Does a woman ever have a small bump in her armpit that is not a cancer?

REPLY:

By "a small bump" I presume you mean enlarged lymph glands. Cancer is only one of several causes of enlarged lymph glands.

JUST FOLKS

By EDGAR A. GUEST

AS IT GOES.

Mary wed a rich man's son.

Kitty wed a healthy.

Strapping, happy hearted one.

Who was not wealthy.

Mary's husband isn't bad.

Foul or sunny weather.

All the joys and woes they've had.

They have shared together.

Kitty's husband is a kind,

Brave and good provider.

Where is Kitty, you will find

He is close beside her.

Sometimes Mary wishes though,

Spite of all her money,

That her Jim, like Kitty's Joe,

Had a sunny, sunny.

"Happy with him? Yes," says she.

"But it seems a pity

Sometimes that we can not be

More like Joe and Kitty."

Kitty loves her handsome Joe.

Brave and true and healthy,

But she sometimes wants to know

Why he can't be wealthy.

Here's the burden of her plea:

"Life is so contrary,

Why is it we can not be

Rich, like Jim and Mary?"

Girls, now plainly be it said

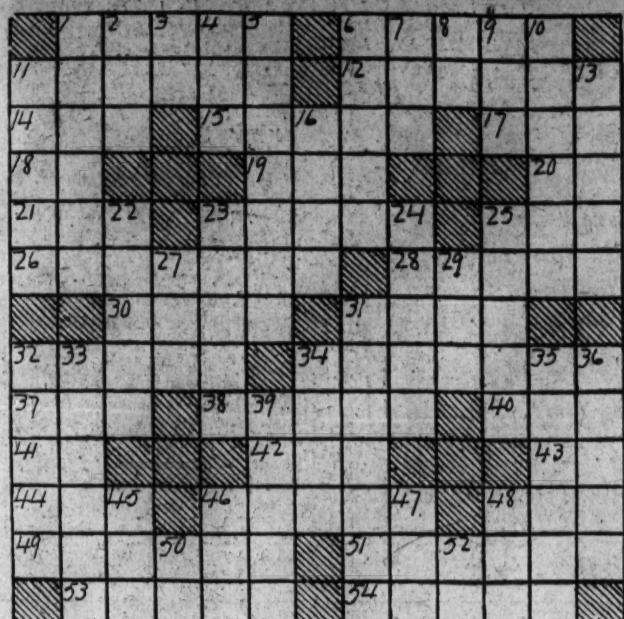
When you're done with kissing,

Rich or poor, the man you wed

Something will be missing.

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Daily Cross-Word Puzzle



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JAIL OF WASHINGTON OVERCROWDED WITH FEDERAL PRISONERS

Fifty Kept in Capital Because of Lack of Room at Atlanta and Leavenworth.

OCCOQUAN IS USED FOR OVERFLOW HERE

Christmas Merrily Celebrated by Inmates With Dinner and Abundant Gifts.

Nearly 50 Federal prisoners, facing terms of from one year to life imprisonment, spent Christmas in the District because of the overcrowded conditions existing at Atlanta, and Leavenworth penitentiaries. These institutions, designed to confine 2,000 each, are housing more than 3,000, and Maj. William L. Peake, superintendent, who was notified to discontinue sending prisoners, has appealed to the Department of Justice to stand by and quarters for his charges. The capacity at the District Jail is 600 prisoners.

Those jailed for misdemeanors here and serving short sentences, in some cases only a few days, are being transferred from the jail at Nineteenth and C streets southeast to the District Workhouse at Occoquan, Va. Under provisions of the Smith-Stern Law Violators is held at the local institution. Maj. Peake said yesterday that the only "short-time" men now held here are a group of "trustees," necessary to maintain the institution.

While the petty offenders toll at the workhouse, long-term criminals, destined to spend the rest of their lives at the jail, are being crowded out as the local jail awaiting orders for their disposition from the Department of Justice. Overcrowded conditions exist also at the workhouse, which has a capacity of 600, but is housing more than 700.

Some Have Long Sentences.

The situation here is anomalous and presents many intricacies, according to Maj. Peake. It is the first occasion since he has held office that the Federal institutions have been unable to handle prisoners from the District of Columbia. Among those on the waiting list are Robert Jones, 21, sentenced to lifetime confinement for second-degree murder; Edwin Tate and Francis Kloss, who were sentenced to 40 and 30 years, respectively, convicted of series of street robberies.

Several others, convicted of robbery, are among the 50 "homeless." Many are in for liquor law violations. Commenting on the situation, Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, Assistant Attorney General, said that the causes are the seasonal operation of the Nation's law machinery and the winter influx of prisoners to the Federal penitentiaries.

Mrs. Willebrandt pointed to the need of more institutions. Several hundred prisoners in the "trustee" class are engaged upon the construction of a dormitory for first offenders at Chillicothe, Ohio, she said. She will not be prepared to estimate the length of time required for its completion until Congress appropriates funds for the construction of a brick manufacturing plant to furnish building material for the structure.

Not to Take Over Occoquan.

Mrs. Willebrandt put at rest a rumor, current in police circles, that the Government is considering taking over a part of the Occoquan reservation to house its excess prisoners.

Convicts sentenced in the District of Columbia will probably be housed in State penitentiaries to relieve the pressure on the local jails, said Mrs. Willebrandt. Justice officials are scrutinizing existing conditions, with a view to putting the prisoners in one of these until the population of Atlanta and Leavenworth penitentiaries is reduced to a point where they can be handled, she said. "The department is confronted with the same situation about once in two years. There is nothing very unusual in it," Mrs. Willebrandt said.

Meanwhile at the District Jail, a special committee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is looking into the conduct of those confined. A giant Christmas tree stands in the center of the rotunda, within the view of those in surrounding cell blocks. Visitors were not admitted yesterday, however, because the extra time of opening Christmas trees and examining their contents and distributing them among the prisoners required most of the attention of guards.

1,500 Presents Are Received.

The four hundred and sixty inmates of the jail received more than 1,500 Christmas presents from those dear to them on the "outside." Each of these packages was searched for contraband materials, such as tools and narcotics by Robert Rotherdale, captain of the guard. Nothing but food, clothing and personal items were discovered in any prisoner's package any smuggled goods, the jail authorities would have declined to deliver any other gifts, Maj. Peake said.

Prisoners dined on an especially prepared Christmas dinner consisting of roast pork, mashed potato, wild rice, cranberry sauce, bread, coffee and apples. Religious services were conducted for the white prisoners in the morning by the Rev. Thomas Galagher and for colored inmates in the afternoon by the Rev. John R. Red. The Christmas tree in the Catholic women's section was donated by the Catholic Daughters of America. Candy and oranges were distributed by the City Episcopal Mission under the direction of the Rev. George W. Dow.

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS

To Questions on Magazine Page.

1. A stylus is a point made of bone used for writing in ancient times.

2. Jon Brattain was the late premier of Roumania, who died about a month ago.

3. Jacob Rilis wrote "How the Other Half Lives."

4. The meeting of the field of the Cloth of Gold was in 1520, between Henry VIII of England and Francis I of France.

5. The poet Coleridge's middle name was Taylor.

6. Another name for the black snake is the blue racer.

7. The legend is obtained from the song of the fox.

8. Attila the Hun, was known as the Scourge of God.

9. If a monkey has a grasping tail you can tell that he belongs to the New World family, since no Old World monkeys have this tail.

10. "Prima donna" means "first lady," in Italian.

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Gen. von Kampfsevener Dies, Hanover, Germany, Dec. 28 (A.P.)—Lieut. Gen. von Kampfsevener Pasha, for many years a reorganizer of the Turkish army, died today at the age of 84.

CAST FOR "THE OTHER WISE MAN"



Players who will appear in "The Other Wise Man," a Christmas play with music, at the Luther Place Memorial Church, this evening, tomorrow and Wednesday evenings. Left to right, seated—Wilhelmina Cronenberg, Ruth Byrd and Venora Davidson; standing, George Sager, Anna Talbert, Ruth Keister, Margaret, Eberly, Selma Orbeck and Albert Hall.

PRINCESS SAYS "FLIGHT" WAS TO SICK BROTHER

Had Started for Richmond to Visit Him, When Husband Got Warrants.

KIDNAPING STORY DENIED

A telephone call from the sick bed of Prince Green Mitchell in Richmond, Va., led to the hasty dash of Kenneth Mitchell, his wife, Queen Kelley, and their son, Russell Mitchell, and their subsequent arrest in Fredericksburg, Va., on charges of abducting Princess Julia Mitchell Osborn, gypsy tribal leader, explained yesterday.

In a statement the league charges that congress and not lobbies is responsible for the profiteering plundering of the American people."

FEDERAL LABOR TOPIC OF CONFERENCE HERE

American Association to Discuss Treatment of Employees, Among Other Things.

Congressmen Aiding Profiteers, Is Claim

Dr. J. R. Deveraux, Medical Director, Will Leave for the Balkans in Few Days.

On his trip to the Balkans Dr. Deveraux will make a survey of military and public health conditions with a view toward recommending such medical relief measures as the association may find it possible to offer.

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